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growing at an average rate of 5.1%. The Thirteenth Judicial District is the fastest growing district, in particular, Sandoval County. The Bureau of Business and Economic Research, University of New Mexico, projects the average annual population growth rate (2000-2010) for Sandoval County at 2.95%.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill appropriates \$300.0 in general fund. \$264.3 of this appropriation is a recurring expense to the general fund, while \$35.7 is non-recurring. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

There is no appropriation in this bill for adding staff to either the District Attorney's Office or the Public Defender. In order to meet the additional requirements of an additional judgeship, the 13th DA's Office would need approximately \$93,000 for two FTEs, an Assistant DA, and a secretary, as well as furniture and supplies. The Public Defender Department did not provide the costs associated with an additional judge.

CONFLICT

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